

The Richlands Town Council/Staff held a Budget Work Session Meeting in the Richlands Council Chambers on April 17, 2018 at 7:00pm with the following present:

Mayor:	Jannis White
Town Manager:	Tim Taylor
Town Clerk:	Connie Allen
Council Members:	Vickie England, Rick Wood, Doug Ratliff, Larry Johnson Mary Ann Strong, Rod Cury
Staff Present:	Sue Wade, George West, Gordon Russ, Hobert Lester, Keith Reynolds, Fred Phillips, Kevin Blankenship, Adrienne Cordle, Frank Dorton, Jimmy Smith
Town Attorney Absent:	Brad Ratliff

Mayor White – Called the meeting to order.

Mayor White gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Manager discussed the FY2018-2019 Proposed Budget – (Handed out presentation- attached)

Water Plant/Wastewater Treatment Plant, Water/Sewer Line Distribution:

- \$3000 cost of living adjustment for all full-time employees except for the Police Dept., we have already addressed earlier this year.
- Adjustments will help us to be in line with all the departments.
- Capital Projects – Money being saved for the projects. – Water - Paint Airport Tank, Truck, Gas to Liquid Chlorine, Chlorine Analyzer, Chemical Feed Pump. Wastewater – Core Swith/Router, P/U/Sludge Truck, Mechanical Screen, Herat Pump-lab, Roof-Digester Bldg.
- Need \$50,000 on Water and \$50,000 Sewage – Rate increase to break even.
- Last rate increase was in 2009.
- Agreed to 10% increase.

Electric Department:

- Cost of Living Raise
- Reviewed Projected Income Statement
- Power Cost continues to Rise.
- If we were to ever lose credit rating it would be devastating.

Street and Sanitation Department:

- Questioned trash pick-up in trailer parks, not sure who is paying.
- Possibility of placing dumpster at trailer park and let owner be responsible for paying for service.
- 10% increase in Garbage Collections.
- Street Lights – Light increase was last year.

- Streets Dept. – Maintenance and Repair – Will add no additional people this year, will need truck, money will come thru VDOT.

Additional Comments:

- Working on engaging Tourism, Planning Commission working with Spearhead, trying to bring more activities to Richlands.
- Spearhead wanting to meet with the Council. They want to advertise Richlands for free.
- Handed out WTP Asset Management/Capital Improvements Plan for review.
- Doug wanted to know why Tim’s salary was not divided between each Department. Tim advised that the salary is allocated between all the departments, governmental and enterprise.

Vickie- I make a motion to adjourn, Larry second the motion.

Mayor White - We have a motion and a second, all those in favor of the motion say yes. All those that oppose say no. Motion carries 6/0.

Adjourned

Jannis White, Mayor

Connie Allen, Town Clerk